ed financial assistance amounting to Rs. 249.64 lakhs and an amount of Rs. 194 lakhs during 1990-91 for promotion of adventure tourism including wildlife tourism. An amount of Rs. 53.54 lakhs was sanctioned for promotion of such schemes in the State of Orissa during the 7th Five Year Plan.

Development of Marble rocks and Falls at Jabalpur for tourists

906. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE:
SHRI BEKAL UTSAHI:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have plans to develop marble rocks and falls at Jabalpur (Madhya Pradesh) into a tourist spot.

(b) if so, what are the details of the plan and the estimated cost thereof; and

(c) what steps are being taken by Government in that direction?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAV RAO SCINDIA): (a) Development of any place into a tourist spot is primarily the responsibility of the State Government. However, Central financial assistance is provided to the State Governments on the basis of specific proposals received from them, subject to availability of funds, their merits and *inter-se* priorities. No proposal to develop Marble rocks and falls at Jabalpur has been received from the State Government of Madhya Pradesh.

(b) and (c) Does not arise.

Setting up of Duty Free Shops with NRIs Investment

907. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE:
SHRI BEKAL UTSAHI:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have a proposal under consideration to set up a network of duty free shops with NRIs investment; and

(b) if so, what are the details of the proposal and the decision in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAV RAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b) Global tenders have been invited by the International Airports Authority of India for the development of Shopping Plaza in Transit Areas of International Terminal Buildings at Bombay and Indira Gandhi International Airport, New Delhi. This has been done with the objective of upgrading the present shopping complex as well as to enhance the present revenues of International Airports Authority of India from the shopping complex. No final decision has yet been taken on the subject.

Creation of Special Tourist Zone

908. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE:
SHRI BEKAL UTSAHI:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether during his recent visit to Nagaland, he spelt out a scheme for creating special tourist zones where entrepreneurs would be given incentives in terms of tax-concessions with a view to developing tourism;

(b) if so, what are the details of the scheme; and

(c) whether he also indicated that 15 tourist circuits had been identified in the country to be vigorously developed and promoted; if so, what are the details of the tourist circuits identified?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAV RAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Government is in the process of formulating a scheme for development of special tourist areas in the country. Details are being finalised.